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A NEW ERA.

"According to the latest estimates of the Census Office, the population of the United States in 1904 was 81,752,000. Since the war period the increase per decade has been 22 per cent., at which rate—assuming it to be maintained—we shall have at the end of another generation, or say the year 1940, a round total of about 170,000,000, or approximately double our present number of inhabitants. This prospective growth will come within the experience of a large proportion of our now living people, and therefore presents a field of deeply interesting speculation for every American citizen," says the New York Journal of Commerce.

"More than in any past times, this prospective generation must be viewed as 'through a glass darkly.' It promises to be, in a very vital sense, an era full of newness, full of experiment, full of reconstruction, and full of weanings and weeding from the past. From this time forward we may hope to know man as we have never known him before. Taken as a whole, social man, industrial man and the higher-class man are to be differently constituted from what development has hitherto made of them. Since education has become universal and the elective franchise has been conferred on all men, the structure of society is broadly changing and government is being revolutionized in many of its important functions. This new development of education is only in its beginnings. The parental process of transmission is destined to elevate the intellectual stamina of each successive generation. One cycle of this process has already developed a higher standard of popular thought. The working masses are acquiring a broader training in the industrial processes; and along with that progress is coming a higher social ambition and a higher grade of popular morals. With this elevation of a renovated generation, so distinctly coming within the last forty years, we may expect to make still further advances within the generation upon which we are now entering with so much promise.

"What may we not expect from the progress of science? The answer from the achievements of the past generation of invention foreshadows much more important results than anything that power and mechanism have hitherto achieved. Great scientists will no longer be raised alone among our college-bred students. The quota of intellectuals coming from our public schools will many times multiply our contributions from born sons of science and invention. From this source alone, the probable developments in the various sources of industrial production are inspiring beyond experience. Between, together, the impulse from recent discovery and the impulse from native philosophers in the public schools, there are before us promises of intellectual advancement far surpassing anything in modern history. Under such an impulse of development, who shall declare any great progress impossible?

"To the world's masses such a future of possibilities is full of inspiration. The 'good time coming' now seems to be approaching with really unprecedented speed. It is not a millennium of Utopia that lies before us. It is an era of high progress based upon scientific revelation, the developments coming alike from the uncovering of nature and the elevation of humanity. There need be no disappointing delay of this promised advance, providing the workers in the ranks of progress understand their respective possibilities and opportunities. And yet, with no needless impatience, there may be much unwarrantable delay. Nor does this discouraging possibility lie alone with any one of the social classes. The lower, the middle and the upper orders are surcharged with immemorial grudges against each other, and it is the hardest task of civilization for one class to cooperate with and conciliate the other. There is, however, an all-ruling power which now and then intervenes to settle the petty animosities among the divided branches of the human family and establishes order between men and man, and man and the laws of nature. We, however, prefer to seek direction less in such merciless chastisements than in the fraternal self-control of brother men. It is one of the greatest anomalies of human society that, with a distinct consciousness of undying enmity between its variously shaded memberships and a clear perception that such enmities are the chiefest obstacles to peace, rulers persist in holding us on the constant verge of war. It remains to be seen whether this glory of slaughter is destined to vanish with the appearance of the nobler civilization which, let us hope, waits to appear among the great boons of the New Era."

DEAN BOSWORTH.

Honolulu has not for many years, if ever, witnessed a sight like that offered in Central Union church the past week. For four days toward the close of business hours a company of several hundred men and women, and twice on Sunday larger assemblies here gathered, not to listen to splendid music or oratory, nor to participate in the excitement of revival services, but to hear a scholar talk quietly, as to a lecture room of students, upon the highest themes of human life. The topics "Who is Jesus?" "How to Find God," "What did Jesus Teach About Prayer?" "What Does Life Mean?" "In What Does Selfishness Issue?" and "What Message Has the Christian for Other Men?" are certainly not sensational. The service, each week day, was bare to austerity, simply an introduction of prayer, then the lecture and last a benediction. Yet, men came who do not often go to church and all who heard were moved profoundly.

One secret of it was the modernness of the message. Dr. Bosworth does not use hackneyed expressions. Not one stock theological term littered his careful sentences. He spoke as a student to students. His language was that of the laboratory. He stood upon the foundation of the very latest scientific discoveries. He asked nothing that all could not grant. There was no dogmatics, only the seeking spirit.

Another charm lay in discarding all the claptraps of the platform. A wonderfully modulated voice was never raised to a shout. He cared nothing for esthetic modeling of sentences. Words, phrases and ideas were engraved on memory after the manner of a skilful teacher by iteration. The plainest men could get the thought. All hunting after effect was eliminated. It was mind talking to mind.

The tremendous grip of a personality in dead earnest was what told. A man who has found God in his own life is the only one to talk about Him helpfully to others. Dr. Bosworth is this and every one who comes within the reach of his personality knows that he is communing with a specialist not merely of the study but of the true religious life. Every lecture was therefore heart speaking to heart.

One of the best evidences of the hold Dr. Bosworth got upon Honolulu people was the wide spontaneity of the desire to express to him in some little memorial the gratitude of those he had helped. This was intended to be done in a quiet way and when the announcement of this purpose crept by accident into a morning issue, it was found possible by the Dean's friends tactfully to keep all knowledge of it from him. Just as he sailed an unusually generous token of the loving thought of many friends, newly made here, was handed him in his cabin and the evidence of the great surprise was a joy to witness. So many persons here asked that an abstract of the six lectures delivered in Central Union church and of the address in the Y. M. C. A. be prepared, that Dean Bosworth's consent was secured for the publication in the April Friend. We believe that Honolulu has witnessed in the visit of Dean Bosworth and in the deep interest his message provoked one more testimony to the fact that the things of the spirit bulk as large here as they do elsewhere and that we are living in the most truly and deeply religious age the world has ever known. Men do not talk, perhaps as much as they might, of these things, but they think of them more than most of us suppose.

Paul Isenberg has generously given two Australian emus and one black swan to Kapiolani Park. The two emus, it is to be hoped, will become the nucleus of the feathered flocks for which it is hoped in time to provide an aviary. That is an institution which every tropical park ought to have and one which would be as popular here as the aquarium or the museum.

Floods in the Colorado have caused the Salton Sea to rise and may be the means of destroying the railway dyke by which it was hoped to turn the river back into its old channel.

The Duma can open itself but closing time is decided by its enemies. As long as that condition lasts, little of practical value can be expected from the Russian parliament.

Mayor Schmitz has nothing to say on the Japanese conference, which is doing a little better than was expected of the first bassoon.

THE STEAMSHIP SITUATION.

It is gratifying to note the requests being made to suspend the coastwise shipping laws in individual cases and the considerate nature of the replies. While not prepared as yet to pledge itself definitely, Washington shows its sympathy and seems likely to grant the exemptions sought. Perhaps, by proper efforts, such exemptions could be made general until such time as American steamers, now laid by, can return to the Pacific route or be replaced.

These steamers are the Ventura, Sierra and Manchuria; the Sonoma, after her next trip, will be added to the list. This will leave the little Alameda, Korea, Siberia, China and Mongolia to supply the demand for passenger and freight accommodations which center at Honolulu. Four of these ships make transpacific trips and are here at long intervals; the Alameda makes the round trip in three weeks. As this place needs the service of nine liners, even under the most ordinary tourist conditions, it is easy to see what hardships ensue from the law which prevents the British and Japanese steamships which regularly stop here from doing a Honolulu business.

If there is any other way out than that suggested by a temporary suspension of the coastwise laws, well and good and all the better. Possibly the Oceanic line will be able to repair one of its large ships in time and be willing to put it on duty with the Alameda. Perhaps some arrangement might be made with Capt. Matson. There may be something done with the Los Angeles people. But Honolulu wants relief quickly and ought to go about it. As things stand the tourist trade will be ruined for this season and the town may not be able to keep its imported supplies abreast of the demand.

It is time for the Legislature to snuff out the J. Lor Wallach nonsense. Does it want to make a laughing stock of the Territory?

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